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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Joey Rositas

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Auto Thief sentenced to 8 Month Prison

Modesto, California Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Joey Rositas, age 41, of San Jose, was convicted on May 13, 2010 of attempted auto theft. Rositas is currently on misdemeanor probation for auto theft and being under the influence of a narcotic stemming from a July 2007 conviction out of Santa Clara County. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On February 23, 2010 at approximately 1:52 a.m. in the area of Western Avenue and Leon Avenue in Modesto, an officer observed Rositas trying to steal an estranged friend's 2008 silver Honda Fit.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Rositas to eight months in state prison.

Stanislaus County residents can report suspected vehicle theft activity to their local law enforcement agency or contact the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (STANCATT) at: (209) 545-7316.

IF YOU OBSERVE A THEFT IN PROGRESS, DIAL 911

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